

Major H. Jones, to whom the members of the 'Ibis' are indebted for the beautifully executed water-colour drawing of this species (Pl. XIII.), which has been carefully copied by Mr. Grönvold. We have also to thank Major Jones for a drawing of the foot, which is here reproduced (text-fig. 6).

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLATES.

## PLATE XII.

Fig. 1. *Suthora morrisoniana*, p. 604. From the typical specimen procured by Mr. Goodfellow.

2. *Actinodura morrisoniana*, p. 604. From Dr. Moltrecht's male specimen.

## PLATE XIII.

*Calophasis mikado*, ♂ et ♀.

Drawn by Major Jones and put on stone by Mr. Grönvold from specimens in Mr. Rothschild's collection.

XXXI.—*The Report on the British Museum for 1907.*

THE Annual Report to Parliament on the British Museum, which has been lately issued, contains a statement of the progress made in the year 1907 in the arrangement and description of the collections and an account of the objects added to them, from which we extract the following particulars, referring to the National Collection of Birds.

Progress has been made with the work in the Gallery; the British Birds in the Pavilion have now been mostly remounted or renewed, and will shortly be completely arranged.

Cases containing the bower of the Gardener Bower-Bird (*Amblyornis subalaris*) and a nesting-group of Buffon's Skua (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) have been added.

The Catalogue of the Eggs, vol. v., has been continued to the end of the *Fringillidae*, and vol. v. of the 'Hand-list of Birds' is approaching completion.

A considerable number of skeletons has been added to the Avian Osteological series—partly by the incorporation of the Robert Collection, and partly by preparations made from specimens in the spirit collection, preserved for that purpose. In addition much curatorial work has been

necessary to keep the collection in order. The arrangement of the Passerine skeletons is approaching completion.

“The accessions to Class ‘Aves’ in 1907 number thirteen thousand nine hundred and one. Of these the most noteworthy are:—

“Ten thousand specimens from China, collected and presented by Mr. F. W. Styan; thirty-four eggs from South Africa, presented by Mr. J. A. Bucknill; forty-one birds from Angoni-land, presented by Mr. C. B. Storey; four birds from Uganda (types of newly described species), presented by Mr. F. J. Jackson, C.B., C.M.G.; two eggs of a Wood-Hoopoe from Natal, presented by Dr. P. L. Selater, F.R.S.; sixty birds, nests and eggs, collected in New Guinea, presented by Capt. F. R. Barton, C.M.G.; nineteen birds from Setubal, Portugal, presented by Don Luiz Gonzaga do Nascimento; fifty birds and eggs from the Kurrum Valley, presented by Mr. C. H. T. Whitehead; seven skeletons of *Colius striatus* from Gazaland, presented by Mr. C. F. M. Swynnerton; twenty-seven mounted birds, chiefly British, for the Exhibition Gallery, presented by Mr. Rowland Ward; twelve birds from Aldabra Island, including one of a species new to the collection, presented by Mr. R. Dupont; one hundred and fourteen birds collected in Mashonaland, presented by Mr. Guy A. K. Marshall; seventy-seven birds from the Gazelle River district, collected and presented by Mr. G. Blain; seventy-six birds from Northern Rhodesia, collected and presented by Dr. F. O. Stochr; sixty-six birds from the Gambia, collected and presented by Dr. E. Hopkinson; one hundred and six birds from Japan, presented by Mr. R. Gordon Smith; twenty-five birds collected in Northern Rhodesia (including the types of two species new to science), collected by Mr. Sheffield A. Neave, presented by the Manchester Museum; two hundred and eighty birds from Persia, collected by Mr. R. B. Woosnam, presented by Col. A. Bailward; thirty-four birds from Western Australia, collected by Mr. G. C. Shortridge, presented by Mr. W. E. Balston; three hundred and eighty-four birds from Japan, Saghalien, and China, presented by the Duke of Bedford, K.G.; forty-three birds

from the Malay Peninsula, presented by the Selangor State Museum ; eight hundred and thirty-five birds from Spain, bequeathed by the late Mr. Howard Saunders ; forty-one birds from Southern Rhodesia, collected by Mr. A. L. Selater, purchased ; three hundred and five eggs from China, collected by Mr. J. D. La Touche, purchased ; two hundred and sixty-seven birds from New Guinea and the Aru Islands, collected by Mr. W. Goodfellow, purchased ; two hundred and forty-eight birds from Mfumbiro, Tanganyika, and the Upper Congo, collected by Mr. D. Carruthers, purchased ; one hundred and sixty-one birds from Mt. Morrison, Formosa (including types of ten new species), purchased ; twenty-seven birds from Annam (including types of three new species and examples of *Rheinhardtius ocellatus*), collected by Dr. Vassal, purchased ; one hundred and thirty-one birds from the Goolis Mts., Somaliland, purchased ; thirty eggs from Tasmania, received in exchange ; one hundred and sixty-six birds and five eggs from Northern Rhodesia, collected by Mr. Sheffield A. Neave, presented by the British South African Company ; nineteen specimens of species new to the collection, received in exchange from the Hon. Walter Rothschild, M.P. ; and forty birds from the Kain district of Khorasan and Tirhut, presented by Mr. J. W. Watson."

We are sure that we are expressing the wishes of all ornithologists when we state our hope that the fifth (and last) volume of the 'Hand-list of the Genera and Species of Birds' may soon be issued. Five years have elapsed since the fourth volume of this important work was published, and the delay in completing it is a constant source of trouble to working ornithologists.

Although it is not mentioned in this Report, we may venture to express our satisfaction that Mr. William Plane Pycraft, M.B.O.U., who has contributed so many excellent anatomical and osteological papers to this Journal, has been appointed, permanently, Assistant in the Zoological Department of the British Museum, and has been placed in charge of the Osteological Collections.